

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD BEFORE THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
JUNE 28, 2010**

A public hearing was held on Monday, June 28, 2010, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 610 Main Street, Jasper, Indiana.

Call to Order. Presiding Officer Mayor William J. Schmitt called the hearing to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call.

Mayor William J. Schmitt	Present
Council members:	
John Schroeder	Present
David Prechtel	Present
Thomas Schmidt	Present
Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter	Present
Kevin Manley	Present
Randall Buchta	Present
Raymond Howard	Present
City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm	Present

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the hearing, a majority of the council members must be in attendance. All seven council members were in attendance; therefore, there was a quorum for the hearing.

Purpose. Mayor Schmitt said the purpose of the public hearing is to provide interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the proposed federally funded CDBG Disaster Recovery project which will make improvements to the City's wastewater system.

A notice concerning the public hearing appeared in the Herald on June 17, 2010. A notice was also posted at City Hall and faxed to the news media.

Lisa Gehlhausen, Executive Director of Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission, said on or about July 2, 2010, the City of Jasper intends to apply to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs' CDBG Disaster Recovery Appropriation to make improvements to its wastewater system. This program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. These funds are to be used for community disaster assistance activities that will benefit low and moderate income persons. The City is seeking a grant for \$650,000.00. The local match, which will come from Wastewater Utility funds and program income, will not exceed \$136,365.00.

Gehlhausen said an income survey was conducted. She then read the items we need to show in order to make the application competitive. One hundred and fifty-one households are expected to benefit from this project.

Wastewater Manager Ed Hollinden described the project and had a power point presentation to show the areas where they want to reline the sewer. He also had large maps of the project area displayed on the wall for interested persons to examine. Hollinden explained that a majority of the sewer line will be relined and some of it will be replaced.

Donald Herring, a homeowner on Birk Drive, said the storm water comes down in his area and washes out the area. Mayor Schmitt responded by saying we are discussing a sanitary sewer issue and what you have is a storm sewer issue. We can contact the City's storm water coordinator and have him talk to Mr. Herring.

Randy Kieffner, 2523 Birk Drive, said a manhole by his property has sunk and asked if it will correct what problem is there. Hollinden said yes, it will correct the line but not your lateral lines.

Maurice Mendel, 209 E 26th Street, asked if they would have to wait for awhile and not use facilities while repairs are being done. Hollinden said everyone will be notified when they would be working in particular areas but they will have time to use facilities before the line fills up.

Lisa Gehlhausen said the City is seeking letters of support as to why the grant is needed. Please submit letters to the wastewater department.

Ed Hollinden said the City tries to reline about \$100,000.00 worth of lines each year. At that rate it would take more than eight years to do this particular area. Mayor Schmitt said if the City gets the grant it will allow the City to make the repairs in a shorter period of time.

Mayor Schmitt then asked if there were any public comments.

Utility Service Board Chairman Wayne Schuetter said at some point we will have to reline the sewers in this area. There is a big infiltration of rain water that the wastewater department has to treat. This grant would help us save a lot of money if we do not have to treat the rain water.

Mayor Schmitt again asked if there were any public comments. No more comments were received.

Thereafter, a **motion** was made by Council member Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to close the public hearing. The motion carried 7-0 and the hearing closed at 7:01 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved _____ with X without corrections or clarification this 21st day of July, 2010.

Mayor William J. Schmitt
Presiding Officer

Attest:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer

Margaret A. Kress, Recording Secretary